

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 668

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A RESOLUTION to recognize James Barry Kendall on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, one such person is James Barry Kendall, who has served with distinction for some twenty-eight years as a teacher, coach, and administrator in both Obion and Dyer counties and is taking his much-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career as an educator, Mr. Kendall has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community and this State; and

WHEREAS, the son of James R. Kendall and Margie Kendall, James Kendall is a 1985 graduate of Obion County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1989 and 1996, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kendall also earned a master's degree in administration from Trevecca University in 2005 and an educational specialist degree (EdS) in superintendency from Arkansas State University in 2017; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1995, James Kendall worked in WalMart management in Dyersburg, Marysville, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, after completing his EdS degree, Mr. Kendall joined the staff of Obion County Central High School as a business teacher and football coach, and he also brought his outstanding coaching abilities to the baseball, softball, and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to excellence on and off the playing field, James Kendall always sought to bring out the best in each and every player, both as a student and an athlete; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Kendall accepted a position at Dyer County High School as a business teacher, football defensive coordinator, and assistant baseball coach; his expert coaching helped lead the baseball team to a state championship win in 2009, and in 2012, he moved into the role of head football coach; and

WHEREAS, James Kendall returned to Obion County Central High School in 2016 as an assistant principal; in 2019, he became the school's principal, in which capacity he has ably served since that time; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Kendall is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of twenty-five years, Julie Clanton Kendall, and their four children, Jessica, Jake, Brad, and MaryBeth; he is also the proud grandfather of twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, James Kendall has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, his students, and the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to James Barry Kendall our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, offering our deepest gratitude for his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee and wishing him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.